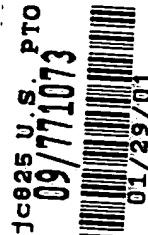




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Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a:

☐ Continuation Patent Application - 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1).

☐ Divisional Patent Application- 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1).

☒ Continuation-in-part Patent Application (C-I-P) - 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(2).

Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) ☐ Continuation; ☐ Divisional - 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the patent application entitled: _____

"Improved Expandable Graft"

☒ The inventor(s) of the subject patent application are as follows: Joseph G. Furst

☐ The application is assigned to: _____

☒ This application is not to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). It is certified that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☐ The Assignee of this application is _____

☒ This patent application claims the benefit of prior application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119/120:

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*See end of transmittal for continuation of prior applications .

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --- This patent application is a _____ continuation, _____ division, _____ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ , and incorporated herein by reference. ---.

☐ Enter the Amendment filed on _____ in the prior application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

☐ Cancel claims _____ without prejudice.

☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application.

Enclosed are:

X 24 Pages of the specification, abstract and claims.

X 6 Sheets of drawings.

X Declaration or Oath.

X Verified Statement(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

 A Verified Statement was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper.

 A certified copy of application(s): _____
from which priority is claimed.

X A preliminary amendment.

X New drawings.

X Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98).

X Form PTO-1449.

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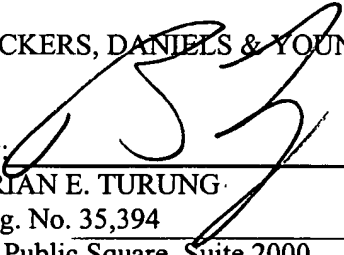
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